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SUBJECT: OIL/GRAIN NEGOTIATIONS - MARITIME ASPECTS

FOR DENNIS WOODS FROM ROBINSON

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEX AVERIN OF USSR MINISTRY OF
MERCHANT MARINE SENT TODAY TO BALCKWELL OF MARAD:

BEGIN TEXT

REFERRING TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF OCTOBER 6
CONCERNING REVISIONS OF THE JOINT TEXT OF A NEW MARITIME
AGREEMENT I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU AS FOLLOWS:
POINT A) AGREE TO EXTEND DURATION OF THE NEW MARITIME AGREEMENT
FOR SIX YEARS INSTEAD OF THREE YEARS AS AGREED LAST JUNE.
AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT PROVISION CONCERNING
AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF THE SAID AGREEMENT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE
AND WILL FACILITATE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARITIME
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT MAY BE RENEGOTIATED AT
THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN OCTOBER.
POINTS B) AND C) WERE ACTUALLY ACCEPTED AT THE PREVIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS AND THERE ARE NO CHANGE IN THE SOVIET POSITION.
BEST REGARDS, I. AVERIN
END TEXT
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